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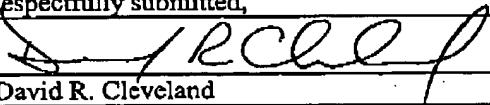
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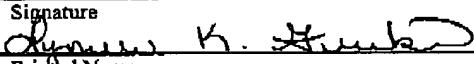
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Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)

The amendment document filed on 9-18-03 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, Jun. 30, 2003). In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following omission(s) or provision is required. Only the section (1.121(b)) of the amendment document containing the omission or non-compliant provision must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "Amendments to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted.

THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ELEMENT(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

1. Amendments to the specification:

- A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
- B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
- C. Other _____

2. Abstract:

- A. Not presented on a separate sheet 37 CFR 1.72.
- B. Other _____

3. Amendments to the drawings: _____

4. Amendments to the claims:

- A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
- B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (incl. withdrawn claims).
- C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.
- D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
- E. Other: PREVIOUSLY AMENDED NOT STATUS IDENTIFIED

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If the non-compliant amendment is a **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**, applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of this letter to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in non-entry of the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed changes in the preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.

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